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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF
GAMBIA, GHANA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

Regional Maritime Training Academy, Ghana

(Supplementary Preparatory Assistance) (RAF/75/019)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval :	April 1979
Starting date :	December 1975 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date :	December 1979
To be executed by :	Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO)
Government implementation agencies :	Ministries of Transport
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval :	\$58 800 ^{1/}
Source of UNDP financing :	Regional Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. A number of studies have been carried out which clearly reveal the advantages which the Governments of the Africa region consider would accrue to them from the carriage of their exports and imports in their own national fleets manned and operated by qualified African personnel. At a Conference of Ministers of Maritime Transport of West and Central Africa held in Douala, Cameroon, in February 1976, a resolution was adopted for the existing maritime training Centres at Abidjan and Accra to be upgraded to Regional Maritime Academies of Sciences and Techniques of

^{1/} With the assistance now approved the total assistance amounts to \$306,800.

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the Sea, for the purpose of catering jointly to the needs in maritime personnel of the participating countries. The countries potentially interested in the regionalization of the Ghana-based institutions are: Ghana, the Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

2. The present Ghana Nautical College was established in 1969. The facilities have been expanding from year to year and have now reached the stage where not only pre-sea training for navigation and engineer cadets, but also courses for second mate foreign-going and second class maritime engineers have been instituted.

3. At the Third Session of the Ministerial Conference of West and Central African States on Maritime Transport in February 1977, the Government of Ghana formally confirmed its decision in favour of the transformation of the Ghana Nautical College into a Regional Maritime Training Academy, and sought UNDP's assistance in this regard.

4. A preparatory mission has been undertaken to carry out a comprehensive study of the existing facilities and activities of the Ghana Nautical College and to identify the requirements for upgrading and regionalizing it. Subsequently, a chief technical adviser designate was fielded with the view of finalizing a project document for full-scale activities.

5. The Government of Norway, through the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD), is currently providing major assistance to the training institution, valued at approximately \$1 million per annum, comprising instructors and equipment. NORAD's assistance will continue to be forthcoming and will be closely co-ordinated with UNDP assistance.

II. Objectives and activities

6. The Preparatory Assistance provided by UNDP is intended to assist the participating Governments in establishing a full-fledged Regional Maritime Training Academy. The chief technical adviser, already in post, has as his main duty to prepare a project document, as well as to help draft tenders for equipment, determine qualifications for counterpart staff, and design course programming. In addition, UNDP has accepted to continue funding the services of a regional maritime adviser for English-speaking countries, previously funded under project RAF/74/048. This adviser visits the countries in the region in order to identify assistance needs, advise on legal and administrative matters, promote maritime safety and the prevention of marine pollution etc.

7. A supplementary allocation for Preparatory Assistance is now required in order to finalize steps for the issuance and approval of the full-scale project document.

III. Inputs

8. UNDP provides, through the Executing Agency, the services of a chief technical adviser and a regional maritime adviser. Through successive extensions, the posts of both these advisers have now been extended through 1979.

IV. Financial data

9. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows :

	<u>Previously approved</u>	<u>Present approval</u>	<u>Total approved</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Personnel	243 900	46 900	290 800
Training	3 000	(600)	2 400
Equipment	-	8 000	8 000
Miscellaneous	1 100	4 500	5 600
	<u>248 000</u>	<u>58 800</u>	<u>306 800</u>
